

(ii) Whether school bus drivers are selected by the school principal and approved by the county superintendent or an official of equivalent responsibility.

(iii) Whether school bus drivers are required to have completed a State approved driver education course, or a special school bus driver training course prior to being allowed to transport passengers.

(iv) Whether training and testing of school bus drivers includes classroom and behind-the-wheel training and is done by qualified officials.

(v) Whether school bus drivers are required to pass a physical examination.

(vi) Whether the operation of school buses is supervised by the school principal, the transportation or other equivalent officer, and State, county, or city police.

(vii) Whether school buses are thoroughly inspected a minimum of four times a year at a State, district, or county inspection station and receive maintenance and repairs at regular intervals to ascertain and insure their safe operating conditions on a continuous basis, and that all inspections, maintenance, and repairs are performed by qualified inspectors and mechanics.

(viii) Whether school bus drivers are provided with and required to use seat belts.

(ix) Whether adequate measures are taken by State and local officials to control the speed of school buses in order to insure that the buses are not driven at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent.

(x) Whether adult chaperons, approved by local school authorities, accompany school bus drivers on special activity trips sponsored by the school.

(xi) Whether the school buses conform substantially to the minimum Standards for School Buses, 1964 Revised Edition, recommended by the National Conference on School Transportation and published by the National Education Association.

(xii) Any other factors with the Secretary may find relevant in evaluating the application for exemption.

(c) *Definitions.* For the purpose of this section:

(1) The term *motor vehicle* shall mean any automobile, truck, truck-tractor,

trailer, semitrailer, motorcycle, or similar vehicle propelled or drawn by mechanical power and designed for use as a means of transportation but shall not include any vehicle operated exclusively on rails.

(2) The term *driver* shall mean any individual who, in the course of employment, drives a motor vehicle at any time.

(3) The term *outside helper* shall mean any individual, other than a driver, whose work includes riding on a motor vehicle outside the cab for the purpose of assisting in transporting or delivering goods.

(4) The term *gross vehicle weight* includes the truck chassis with lubricants, water and a full tank or tanks of fuel, plus the weight of the cab or driver's compartment, body and special chassis and body equipment, and payload.

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**§ 570.53 Coal-mine occupations (Order 3).**

(a) *Finding and declaration of fact.* All occupations in or about any coal mine, except the occupation of slate or other refuse picking at a picking table or picking chute in a tippie or breaker and occupations requiring the performance of duties solely in offices or in repair or maintenance shops located in the surface part of any coal-mining plant, are particularly hazardous for the employment of minors between 16 and 18 years of age.

(b) *Definitions.* For the purpose of this section:

(1) The term *coal* shall mean any rank of coal including lignite, bituminous, and the anthracite coals.

(2) The term *all occupations in or about any coal mine* shall mean all types of work performed in any underground working, open-pit, or surface part of any coal-mining plant, that contribute to the extraction, grading, cleaning, or other handling of coal.

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